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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

The Status of the Claims

1. (previously presented): A method of transmitting, receiving, storing and displaying television program data, the method comprising:

transmitting program data including scheduled program data, program guide data, cache program data comprising broadcast programming of one or more television programs, and a boot object having location information associated with the cache program data and requiring storage of the cache program data;

receiving the program data;

storing the cache program data based on location information stored in the boot object;

selecting a cache television program;

retrieving a portion of the cache program data that corresponds to the selected cache television program; and

generating a display of the selected cache television program for viewing based upon the retrieved portion of cache program data.

2. (original): The method of claim 1 wherein the storing of the cache program is based upon identifying an identifier associated with the cache program data.

3. (previously presented): The method of claim 1 wherein a transmission rate of the cache program data is different than a retrieval rate of the cache program data.

4. (previously presented): The method of claim 1 wherein a transmission rate of the cache program data is higher than the retrieval rate of the cache program data.

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5. (previously presented): The method of claim 1 wherein a transmission rate of the cache program data is approximately twice the retrieval rate of the cache program data.

6. (previously presented): The method of claim 1 wherein a transmission rate of the cache program data is lower than the retrieval rate of the cache program data.

7. (previously presented): The method of claim 2 further comprising: transmitting identification data that instructs a receiver about the identifier associated with the cache program data.

8. (previously presented): The method of claim 7 further comprising: maintaining a record of selection representing selected cache television programs and assessing a fee based upon the record of selection.

9. (original): The method of claim 8 wherein the record of selection is maintained at the receiver.

10. (previously presented): The method of claim 8 wherein the record of selection is maintained in a memory of an access card at the receiver.

11. (previously presented): A method to transmit television content and program data, the method comprising:
organizing program data including scheduled program data, program guide data, and cache program data comprising broadcast programming of one or more television programs into objects; and
transmitting the program data and a boot object having a cache program object to identify location information associated with the cache program data and to require storage of the cache program data.

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12. (previously presented): A method as defined in claim 11, wherein the cache program data comprises a transmission rate different than a retrieval rate of the cache program data.

13. (previously presented): A method as defined in claim 11, wherein the cache program data comprises a transmission rate higher than the retrieval rate of the cache program data.

14. (previously presented): A method as defined in claim 11, wherein the cache program data comprises a transmission rate lower than the retrieval rate of the cache program data.

15. (previously presented): A method as defined in claim 11, wherein the boot object comprises a service channel identification (SCID) number identifying the location of the cache program data.

16. (previously presented): A method to process television content and program data, the method comprising:

receiving program data including scheduled program data, program guide data, and cache program data comprising broadcast programming of one or more television programs, and a boot object having location information associated with the cache program data and requiring storage of the cache program data;

storing the cache program data based on location information stored in the boot object;

selecting a cache television program;

retrieving a portion of the cache program data that corresponds to the selected cache television program; and

generating a display of the selected cache television program for viewing based upon the retrieved portion of cache program data.

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17. (previously presented): A method as defined in claim 16, wherein the cache program data comprises a transmission rate different than a retrieval rate of the cache program data.

18. (previously presented): A method as defined in claim 16, wherein the cache program data comprises a transmission rate higher than the retrieval rate of the cache program data.

19. (previously presented): A method as defined in claim 16, wherein the cache program data comprises a transmission rate lower than the retrieval rate of the cache program data.

20. (previously presented): A method as defined in claim 16, wherein the boot object comprises a service channel identification (SCID) number identifying the location of the cache program data.

21. (previously presented): A method as defined in claim 1, wherein the cache program data comprises at least one of video data and audio data of broadcast programming.

22. (previously presented): A method as defined in claim 11, wherein the cache program data comprises at least one of video data and audio data of broadcast programming.

23. (previously presented): A method as defined in claim 16, wherein the cache program data comprises at least one of video data and audio data of broadcast programming.